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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "The Nation's educators and millions of American students have faced unprecedented challenges ever since the COVID-19 pandemic began almost a year ago. It's critical for students and parents to have broadband connectivity to ensure students have the critical tools to learn.

"We applaud House E&C Chairman Frank Pallone and other members of the committee for taking much needed action to help address some of these issues, in particular ensuring connectivity and dedicated funding for the millions of students now learning remotely.

"Over the past year, Verizon has played a significant role in working with states and localities to help keep students connected. We look forward to working with Chairman Pallone, members of the Committee, and the U.S. Senate to helping students with remote learning now, and finding permanent solutions to close the homework gap and end the digital divide."